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ADVANCED PRACTICE COMMITTEE Minutes (Approved May 19, 2014)

The Advanced Practice Committee held a meeting on April 28, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., in Room 113 of the STAR Campus, College of Health Sciences, University of Delaware in Newark, DE.

PRESENT: Jean Gallagher, Allen Prettyman, Ron Castaldo, Sandy Elliott, Delphos Price, Robert McKennett, JoAnn Baker (telephone), Candace Sandal, Leslie Verucci

ABSENT: Megan Williams, Cindy Drew

GUESTS: Al Sandal; Sarah Carmody- Executive Director DNA; Lois Dixon, Sarah White, Lindsay Ogden, Stan Prochaska, Dawn S. Brown, David Stewart, Jill White- FNP students from the University of Delaware

PRESIDING: Delphos Price

STAFF: Pamela Zickafoose, Executive Director, Delaware Board of Nursing

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Price called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Committee members introduced themselves for the students and guests and they introduced themselves to the committee.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Minutes from March 31, 2014 were reviewed. Dr. Sandal requested several corrections to her name. Dr. Prettyman made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Mr. McKennett. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

State of Consensus Meeting

Mr. Price stated that he and Dr. Zickafoose attended this meeting in Chicago. There were a lot of specialty organizations represented and some without certification exams. They questioned what would happen and were informed they would need to maintain licensure otherwise if their license lapses they would have to take an exam to reinstate the license. Dr. Zickafoose added there were several topics clarified such as the issue with primary versus acute care. In addition there is a LACE website with a paper titled *Primary Care and Acute Care Certified Nurse Practitioners 2013* that states "neither a primary care CNP nor an acute care CNP is restricted to providing care in any particular setting." There may be overlap and the Consensus Model describes the acute and primary care distinctions of the NP role:

*The certified nurse practitioner (CNP) is prepared with the acute care CNP competencies and/or the primary care CNP competencies. At this point in time the acute care and primary care CNP delineation applies only to the pediatric and adult-gerontology CNP population foci. Scope of practice of the primary care or acute care CNP is **not setting specific** but is based on patient care needs. Programs may prepare individuals across both the primary care and acute care CNP competencies.*

This same paper specifies that graduates of a dual track program are eligible to sit for both the primary care and acute care certification exams. In addition, if a nurse holds both a CNS and NP education and certification, two distinct licenses can/should be issued.

Members asked if acute care was required in hospitals. Dr. Zickafoose replied employers must determine the type of advanced practice nurse needed and nurses must be accountable for their own levels of competency, education, and practice. Ms. Verucci described a situation where a nurse was licensed as an adult NP but was seeing pediatric patients. Much discussion centered around licensure and competency and it was recommended that this nurse take additional education in the pediatric area. Likewise, Ms. Cunningham contacted the Board inquiring about a FNP seeing psychiatric patients. The new rules in Section 8 will clarify that education, certification and licensure must be congruent. However, those APNs currently licensed will be grandfathered.

Mr. Price added Diane Thompkins from ANCC was extremely well versed on certification exams. He added that the numbers of neonatal NPs was declining and Dr. Prettyman stated it was difficult to run a neonatal NP program with such a small job market and stating it was not ethically viable. Lastly, the conference reinforced that we don't want to have a number of supervised practice hours added to the Consensus Model bill but this is what is happening in several other states. In Nebraska, their bill passed the House and Senate and the Governor vetoed the bill because it did not include supervised practice hours. Mr. Castaldo pointed out that advanced practice nurses have their RN education as generalist experience prior to becoming an APN (specialty education) and these hours are not often included or mentioned. Lastly, Mr. Price stated there was conversation about Diabetes Educators who want an advanced practice license.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Consensus Model Education- Meetings with Stakeholders and Insurance Commission

Mr. Castaldo provided a brief update stating the committee members who are educators at various institutions in DE were provided a letter to give to all graduate students encouraging them to participate by sending their name to Mr. Castaldo who will compile a list to contact their legislators. He plans to have a May legislative day similar to last year. Mr. McKennett informed the members he presented a document to the Delaware Organization of Nurse Leaders (DONL) and the APRN Council at Bayhealth for names and contact information of nurses willing to contact their legislators in support of the Consensus Model. He will provide the lists to Mr. Castaldo who will compile a database. Dr. Zickafoose will email the list to committee members.

Mr. Castaldo reported he is still working on contacting representatives from the Insurance Commission to invite them to attend this meeting. He has found that phone calls work better than email.

Meeting with Dr. Fan

Mr. Price stated he still needs to schedule this meeting with Dr. Fan, Dr. Zickafoose, Mr. Mangler and himself. He also reported that a fellow Board of Nursing member suggested several other physicians for champions. Members discussed possible people and will contact them but some stated there are physicians who will not go against their colleagues.

Legislative Outreach- Meetings with Legislators

For lobby day Ms. Baker recommended coffee and Danish in the cafeteria and others suggested individual meetings. Mr. Castaldo will check with Senator Hall-Long whether we should meet individually with legislators or in a group setting.

Statute and Regulations

Dr. Zickafoose questioned members about changing the language for independent practice in the Consensus Model bill as suggested by Sue Hassmiller at the Midyear meeting. Members discussed various choices. Mr. McKennett made a motion to use "full practice authority" seconded by Dr. Prettyman. By unanimous vote the motion carried. Members requested to discuss Dr. Prettyman's other suggestions at the next meeting. It was also noted that a "d" needs to be added to the word "advance" in the bill in several places. Dr. Zickafoose will make this correction and email to members again.

New Legislation

Dr. Zickafoose reported Mr. Mangler presented another change to the Composition of the Board bill to increase the one APN member to two, and to also have one "at-large" member who can be a LPN or RN. This would reduce the number of appointed LPNs on the board to one instead of three and increase the number of APNs to two. We hope to get this bill introduced this session.

OTHER BUSINESS (for discussion only):

One application for committee membership was reviewed by Mr. Price and Dr. Zickafoose to replace Ms. Cunningham. However, Ms. Cunningham has decided to remain on the committee.

Ms. Elliott informed the committee that the CPM bill would probably be introduced on Thursday. She stated in the past 10 years only one CPM has been licensed in DE and the issue is that they are not able to obtain a collaborative agreement. There have been negative outcomes including patient deaths so the bill proposes that physicians regulate them with a council under the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline. If this bill passes, it should pave the way for the Consensus Model and removal of collaborative agreements.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Students commented that the meeting was very informative and interesting. They stated they learned a lot and were very appreciative of the work the committee is doing. Mr. Stewart stated there is software to do a target analysis and he suggested we do this when the bill is introduced to see what support is available.

Ms. Carmody stated the DNA bus trip to Washington, DC is coming up soon and Dr. Zickafoose recommended students attend because it is a good educational experience.

NEXT MEETING – May 19, 2014 in Dover.

ADJOURNMENT – Ms. Gallagher made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Elliott. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pamela C. Zickafoose". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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